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Applicant: Johnston  
Group Art Unit: 3676  
Examiner: Vishal A. Patel  
Title: SHAFT SEAL HAVING A HINGE AND A LINER

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, for which the period for response was set to run through and including June 20, 2003.

Applicant hereby requests a Two-Month Extension of Time in which to respond, extending the period of response through and including August 20, 2003. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached herewith for this purpose. Therefore, this Amendment and Response is timely filed under the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8.